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1. An official of the municipality of Dahlwitz/Hoppegarten and a member of the election board for the country reports the following with regard to the elections:
  - a. For Dahlwitz/Hoppegarten there are three voting districts with a total number of 2,835 eligible voters. The election results the first day of voting were as follows:

YES	839 votes
NO	731 votes
VOID	160 votes

The above tabulation is correct and the counting was done honestly.

- b. On Monday, the election board was directed to count the votes in the manner prescribed orally over the telephone by Minister of the Interior Bechler. The Burgomaster, a man named Neishaar, a CDU member (formerly directed the Statistical Office of District Tiergarten) refused to obey the instructions received by telephone, and stated that he would only obey legal written instructions. Shortly thereafter he received written instructions, issued by the District Administrative chief (Landrat) who personally brought the instructions. He was accompanied by the local Soviet MG officer dressed in civilian clothes. The written instructions\* stated that the following were to be counted as YES votes:

- 1) Where the YES was crossed out and the word NO was written in and encircled.
- 2) Where the whole ballot was crossed out.
- 3) Where a blank ballot was cast with no marks on it.
- 4) Where both fields (YES and NO) were stricken out.
- 5) Where neither YES nor NO was marked but where some remark appeared indicating that the voter was negatively inclined.

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d. According to the above count, this would mean that subtracting the number of YES votes cast Sunday from the number of YES votes cast Monday a total of 1,387 people voted YES on Monday. In reality a total of only 955 voters appeared at the polls on Monday.

e. The official complained about the method of counting votes and refused to go on record in certifying that the vote was correct. Because of his refusal, the Parish councillor (Gemeinderat), a man named Wischnewski (SED), and the local Soviet Military Government officer accused the official, the Burgo master Weisshaar, and a Herr Heider of being hidden Fascists and told them they would be watched closely by them. The official was told to take their advice and get out of Dahlwitz because they would soon be arrested. He left Dahlwitz immediately.

2. A CDU member who was a member of an election board in Glienicker-Nordbahn, adjacent to Hermsdorf by Berlin, stated that the election results as counted on Sunday were correct. On Monday, however, it was very evident that the results were incorrect and had been tampered with. The results were as follows:

a. Actual Results:

Voting district 1 :	YES 10	NO 42	VOID 112
Voting district 2 :	YES 57	NO 35	VOID 20
Voting district 3 :	YES 17	NO 27	VOID 78
Voting district 4 :	YES 89	NO 60	VOID 76
Voting district 5 :	YES 62	NO 53	VOID 61
 TOTAL	YES 235	NO 217	VOID 347

b. Results as Officially Listed:

Voting district 1 :	YES 122	NO 42
Voting district 2 :	YES 77	NO 35
Voting district 3 :	YES 95	NO 27
Voting district 4 :	YES 165	NO 60
Voting district 5 :	YES 123	NO 53
 TOTAL	YES 582	NO 217

3. Voting results in some Potsdam districts.

District 14 :	YES 967	NO 862	VOID 270
District 15 :	YES 1,145	NO 1,295	VOID 216
District 35 :	YES 670	NO 722	VOID 109
District 37 :	YES 827	NO 527	VOID 163
 TOTAL	YES 3,609	NO 3,406	VOID 758

Potsdam-Rehbrücke YES 1,018 NO 699 VOID 257

4. Voting results in the city and county of Wittenberg\*

Total votes cast on 15 May      Adults - 73,674  
    Youth - 3,172

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Adult votes	YES	44,200	NO	19,979	VOID	9,495
Youth votes	YES	2,175	NO	678	VOID	319

Adult votes	YES	54,865	NO	23,487	VOID	4,193
Youth votes	YES	2,630	NO	842	VOID	166

Total votes cast 16 May include those cast on previous day, 15 May. Note that the total number of VOID votes, which totalled 9,814 on 15 May, decreased to 4,359 the following day.

\* See Attachment I

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